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Man Arraigned in McDonald's Molestation Case

SANTA ANA – A McDonald's maintenance worker was arraigned today on a charge that he molested a 4-year-old girl in the restroom of the fast-food restaurant in Santa Ana.

Carlos Antonio Chavez (DOB 5-22-59) of Santa Ana, pleaded not guilty to one felony count of child molestation, which carries a maximum sentence of eight years. His next court appearance is scheduled for Feb. 20 in Dept. C-55 of Superior Court. Chavez remains jailed in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

The incident occurred when the victim was escorted to the restroom by her grandmother, who then left to see if their food order was ready. About four minutes later, the woman returned to check on her granddaughter and entered the restroom. She saw a man identified as Chavez coming out of the restroom stall where the girl was sitting. The victim told her grandmother that she was touched by the defendant.

When the woman told the McDonald's manager about the incident, the manager refused to let her telephone the police from the restaurant. The woman went home and called the police, who arrested Chavez at the restaurant.

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